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EXPEDIENCY OF CONTINUING A SOVIET  
CONTRACT WITH "MYRNA's" FIRM,

From: NEW YORK

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To VICTOR[i], copy to VADIM[ii].

The COMBINE [KOMBINAT][iii] has already asked the FACTORY [FABRIKA][iv] three times about the expediency of continuing the contract with MYRNA's [MIRNA][v] firm and at the same time proposes ~~4 group unrecovered~~ to recommend to it[a] other firms. In particular the COMBINE is interested [to know][b] whether one can have dealings with the Amalgamated Bank and the Francis Morris Corporation. In ANTON's line[vi] the answer will be given that it is essential to continue the contract with MYRNA's firm [;] however it should be borne in mind that eventual contracts between the COMBINE and other firms may require impossible [C% conditions] from MYRNA's firm

[20 groups unrecoverable]

[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

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T.N.: [a] It is clear in the Russian that "it" refers to the COMBINE.

[b] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] VICTOR: possibly Lieutenant-General Pavel Mikhajlovich PITIN.

[ii] VADIM: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, MGB "resident" in WASHINGTON.

[iii] KOMBINAT: the People's Commissariat of Foreign Trade.

[iv] FABRIKA: the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

[v] MIRNA: formerly UMNITsA - Elizabeth Terrill BENTLEY.

[vi] "ANTON's line" is the FACTORY, i.e. the AMTORG Trading Corporation.

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